Maintenance of Village Roads in the Muvattupuzha Taluk.

60. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*) :

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state why several of the village roads in the Muvattupuzha taluk which used to be maintained in the past years were not maintained in 1098 ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to arrange for the speedy repair of these village roads which were not maintained in 1098 ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) This was done with a view to utilise the maintenance grant for the conversion of some of the more important and frequented village roads into cartable roads. In 1098 alone, about 14 miles of such village roads in the Muvattupuzha sub-division were so converted into cartable roads.

(*b*) Yes.

Renewal of the Abkari Contract with Mr. Nadar.

61. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is true that the contract for the three taluks of Parur, Alangad and Kunnatnad, as also Shertallai, has again been given to Mr. Nadar without a Government notification or a public sale ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : If the member refers to the next biennial contract, that is, for 1,100 and 1,101 M. E., the answer is in the negative.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to say whether it is true that the contract for the three taluks of Parur, Alengad and Kunnatnad, as also Shertallai, has been given to Mr. Nadar without a Government notification or public sale for the years 1098 and 1099, and if so, why ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : This question was answered at a previous session when it was stated that, on a fair calculation of the reasonable rentals, the contract for these taluks was given to Mr. Nadar.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Was any notification put up ?

PRESIDENT : It has been answered at a previous session and you may refer to that answer.

Monopoly System and Sale of Salt in Trivandrum Depôt.

62. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the cause for the abolition of the monopoly system in regard to the supply and sale of salt in the Trivandrum Depôt was ;

(*b*) why the storage and sale of salt by Government were restored in the same depôt last year ;

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